

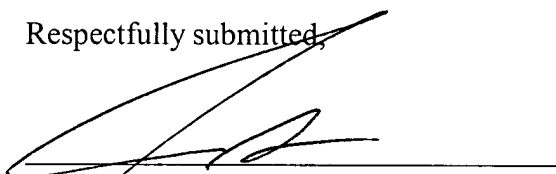
REMARKS

In the Office Action of January 25, 2006, Claims 15-35 were allowed, Claims 2-6 and 8-14 were indicated to be allowable, and Claims 1 and 7 were rejected. To place this application in condition for allowance, Applicant has cancelled rejected Claims 1 and 7 and have amended the relevant ones of Claims 2-6 and 8-14 to re-write those claims in independent form.¹

In view of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

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¹ Claim 35 depends on rejected Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 35 should have been indicated to be allowable rather than allowed. Nevertheless, Applicant has re-written Claim 35 in independent form in this Amendment to place that claim in condition for allowance.